

Let's Get Acquainted

by Ruby M. Compton

William Warren Ferguson, called Bill, was the third of four children born to Warren and Norma Wilson Ferguson. Bill was born March 4, 1950, in the Philippines, at Clark Air Force Base.

Bill's father was a Chaplain in the Air Force and his mother an elementary school teacher. Chaplain Ferguson was in part of World War II, and was stationed in France when Bill was in Kindergarten. Bill recalls the difficulties he faced while attending Kindergarten as no one spoke English but one of the teachers who came to the school once a week.

While he grew up, Bill moved from one location to another. The longest time he spent in one place was the three and one-half years in Vacaville, Calif., while his father was stationed at Travis Air Force Base.

Bill spent the last three years of his high school in Hawaii. While there, he learned to sail and to become a member of the team and do inter-island racing. He graduated from Punahou High School, Honolulu in 1968.

His college years were spent at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He graduated from there in 1972 with a B.S. Degree in



The William W. Ferguson Family

After graduation, Bill spent one year in Southern Seminary (Baptist) in Louisville, Kentucky, before he decided to go on to medical school.

While attending the University of Texas, in Galveston, he met a medical student named Katherine Stirk, called Kitty, they were married on Oct. 5, 1975.

Katherine Kristine Stirk was born June 28, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas, the first of two children born to Rodney and

the coast between Corpus Christi and Old Mexico.

Kitty Stirk went to Our Lady of the Lake, in San Antonio, Texas, where she graduated from high school. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology at Texas A and I University, the A and I stands for Arts and Industries. She said she learned much more about hermit crabs and white-tailed deer than anyone would ever need to know.

While in high school and

the beach and it was a beautiful sunrise.

The young couple continued with their education, and Bill graduated in 1977. He did a family practice residency in Galveston until 1980, when they came to Salt Lake City, Utah. Bill commuted to his work at Hill Air Force Base where he works in the Family Practice Clinic at Hill. He is on the staff of Hill Air Force Base Hospital. Recently, he became a Major in the Air Force.

Kitty did a pediatric internship at Galveston, then went in to practice for two years in Texas. After coming to Utah, she practiced one year in Bountiful. She then decided to go to the University of Utah and did a residency in pediatrics at the Primary Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Some time ago, they decided to bring the children to ride "The Heber Creeper", an old steam driven train that ran from Heber City to Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon and back again. Kitty said then, that she would like to make her home in Heber Valley. Later, they were on a backpacking trip into the Uintah Mountains when they made up their minds to look into the possibilities of making their home and establishing a practice in the valley.

The Ferguson's love old houses and have found their third historic home in the "Old Gun House" near the remodeled "Old Johnson Mill" in Midway, Utah. The Gun house used to be the residence of

Johnson Crist Mill. This property was made into a very nice residence several years ago, and the buildings were made into attractive residences that looked out on the large mill pond. They lived in Heber for two months, then moved into their home in Midway in March of 1983.

Doctor Katherine Ferguson opened an office in the trailer that is parked near the southwest entrance to the parking lot of the Wasatch County Hospital.

Doctor William W. Ferguson will have completed commitment at Hill Air Force Base in April of 1984, and he is looking forward to opening his office near the hospital too.

The children of the Ferguson's are happy in their new location. They have their new dogs, cats, and ponies, and are making friends. They are Earnest, 14; Paul, 7; and Anna, 4 years old.

Kitty has bought a horse which was shown at the fair by Linda Powell, who writes the article "Horse Talk" for the Wasatch Wave; she is also teaching the Ferguson family to ride. The entire family enjoys having all the animals around; they also enjoy camping.

Kitty's mother and father have come to live in the new west wing of the home, and to be "professional grandparents". This is a busy, happy family and we are very fortunate to have them living here. We wish them much happiness.

After graduation from college, Kitty spent some time with her family, she taught for a short time in Rivera's two-room school. She also taught lifesaving and beginner's swimming for young swimmers as she had done while in high school and college. She also found time to follow her favorite hobby riding "English style", which meant she rode "jumpers". She was undecided what career to follow, that of a veterinarian or becoming a medical doctor.

She finally decided in favor of medical school and went to the University of Texas, in Galveston, where she met another student of medicine in her first year there. They had both been raised in the military where their families moved frequently, and they both had an interest in outdoor sports and biology.

A very nice friendship soon grew into a romance and they were married on a beach at sunrise, in Galveston, on Oct. 5, 1975. An Episcopal Priest performed the ceremonies. Though no formal invitations were sent out, their families and many who knew them came to witness the wedding and wish them well; there were about one hundred people gathered on

the work caused the Stirk family to move a lot in the southern states of the U.S.A. until they settled down in the small town of Rivera, Texas. This was a small fishing and farming town on

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Bill rowed crew in the thin boats with the long oars in inter collegiate contests. His boat came in third in the Inter Collegiate Rowing Association Championship ships in 1969.

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